



## NEWSLETTER 7

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Dear Parents,



### **ATTENDANCE**

Last week the whole school's attendance was 97.7%. Well done to all.

### **SPORTING EVENTS**

We are aware that our pupils have taken part in several sporting activities over the last few weeks and we have another one tomorrow. There will be a special report of all these events attached to the Newsletter next week celebrating the wonderful efforts and achievements of our fantastic pupils in representing our school.

### **PARENTS' EVENING**

It was lovely to see you all over the two evenings before half term. I do hope you found the meetings helpful and are celebrating all your children's hard work. We are always very proud of their achievements. Thank you for the great support you give your children with their learning.

### **ASSEMBLY VALUES**

This term will be **FRIENDSHIP**. Each week we will have a different theme for friendship:

Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> October - Introduce the value

Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> November - What makes a good friend? (friendship tips)

Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> November - Ways to sort out issues when friendships go wrong (anti-bullying)

Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> November - Can members of your family also be your friend?

Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> November - Friendships online (e-safety)

Week beginning 2nd December - Advent and introduction to Christmas

Week beginning 9th December - Evaluation of the value

We would appreciate you reinforcing this value and praising your child/ren when you see them demonstrating the value at home.

### **REQUEST TO PARENTS**

Please may we remind all parents that any photographs taken in school which contain other children should not be published on any social media sites as you do not have consent from other parents to do this. If you are aware of any parents who break this rule, it is really important to inform us so that we can deal with it appropriately. Thank you for your support with this.

## POPPY APPEAL

Year 6 will be selling lots of Poppy Appeal merchandise during break times next week. They will be selling to Years 2-6 during the morning break and to Reception and Year 1 in the afternoon break. If your child would like to purchase anything please send them to school with some money. A donation is required for poppies however zip Pulls and reflector poppies are available for 50p with silicone wristbands and snap bands for £1.00. Please help to support the Poppy Appeal. Thank you.



## READER HELPERS NEEDED



**Class 3** are looking for a reader helper, preferably in the mornings on every weekday except Monday. Please see Miss Kemp if you are interested and can help.

With current Safeguarding regulations, a Volunteer Application Form will need to be completed, references taken and a DBS check undertaken before you would be able to start. We also ask you to undertake some basic safeguarding training and read 4 safeguarding policies. It is vital that children read in school every day and we really value the volunteers that generously give up their time. All that we ask is that you give a half-termly commitment.

## TRANSFER TO SECONDARY EDUCATION 2020 - ATTENTION YEAR 6 PARENTS

The application system for Secondary places in September 2020 is now open and **will close at midnight tonight** with the national offer day being 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020. Please apply on-line at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)

## YEAR 4, 5 & 6 GIRLS - THIS GIRL CAN SPORTS CLUB

Please see the attached information regarding the This Girl Can after school sports club being run for girls in Years 4, 5 and 6 at The Kings School in Ottery St Mary on Tuesdays from 12th November. Please contact Tracy Moran at The Kings School directly if you wish to book a place for your daughter.

## BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Now that the clocks have gone back, Devon County Council is reminding all road users to 'be bright, be seen' as it gets darker and weather conditions get worse. More vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists and horse riders, are reminded to be alert and make themselves visible by wearing reflective or fluorescent clothing while out and about on Devon's roads.

Motorists should take extra care to look out for other road users, particularly in poor weather conditions such as fog, mist and rain, which may reduce visibility. They are also urged to give cyclists and horse riders more space when passing them in the road.

## PROPOSED CHANGES TO SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY

You can view the proposed admissions policy for the 2021-22 academic year on the school website by clicking on this link: <http://www.west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2021-West-Hill-admissions-policy.pdf>

Your views are invited on the policy. We propose to:

- amend the catchment area. The proposed changes are to the northern boundary with Feniton primary school and to the eastern boundary with Ottery St Mary primary school and are shown in the proposed policy document

- consider all in-year applications received by 6pm on the same day together instead of up to 2pm
- confirm that all members of staff are considered to be a part of the school community for admissions purposes, including those employed by a third party where their duties are solely at the school
- confirm that all multiple birth siblings will be admitted where at least one can be admitted to a vacancy
- confirm that where a child from a service family provides a unit address, this will be deemed to be 1 metre from the school for admissions purposes
- confirm that where a sibling is offered a place to start in the following September, he or she will be considered to be on roll for the purposes of priority for the normal round of admissions
- update wording regarding the school uniform

The consultation is open from 1 November to 3 January 2020 and responses can be made either to the school (by email or letter) or to Devon County Council via [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements)

We will consider any responses we receive in determining the final version of the policy at a Governing Board meeting before the end of February 2021. Any person who believes the determined policy is unlawful may object to the Office of the Schools' Adjudicator by 15 May 2020.

### PTFA NEWS

First off, huge thanks to all those that assisted with Year R and Year 6 cake sales. We had so many super cakes, and it was great to see the Year R parents leading on this. Thank you all. We will announce the amount raised as soon as we have a final figure.

Coming up, there are plans for a Christmas Film Night on 6th December. Film nights are for Years 1-6, and we ask that children from Year 1 are accompanied by a supervising adult. Film nights are held at The Legion, and you can supervise from the side bar, so it's not all bad. This event will run if we get enough volunteers - let your class rep know if you can help:

Reception - Nicola Davies

Class 1 - Joanna Bromley

Class 2 - Fiona Laitinen

Class 3 - TBC

Class 4 - Sarah Kirwan

Class 5 - Craigie Chapas

Class 6 - Fiona Hogan

Pre-school's Christmas Bazaar is on 8<sup>th</sup> December, and we plan to run a chocolate tombola and the mulled wine stand. This means a non-uniform day on 6<sup>th</sup> December, and donations of chocolate please. We also need volunteers to help set up and run the tombola. Again, please let your class rep know if you can spare some time.

We have some cash in the bank, and need thoughts on how best we can spend this. We would love to see some new faces at our meetings, so that we can ensure we are representing the wishes of all the parents when such decisions are made. We are also thinking about how best we can communicate with you. All suggestions welcome.

### **WINTER BALL - Saturday 9th November 2019 from 7pm**

Tables are still available for The West Hill Winter Ball - Saturday 9th November 2019 from 7pm. The biggest night out in West Hill is nearly here! Help raise money for your child's school by gathering some friends for an evening of fizz, food and fun, including a fabulous live band! The village hall will be completely transformed by an internal marquee, a beautiful three-course meal will

created and professionally served by local-food hero's The Pickle Shack, followed by live music and dancing. The ticket price of £45 includes a glass of fizz on arrival!

If you have any questions about this year's event please let us know. We can take bookings for full tables of 12 or half tables of 6 or if you're new to the school, looking to get to know other parents, or just haven't a group organised we are happy to help! Just email the Ball Committee - westhillball@gmail.com - We look forward to welcoming faces old and new!

In addition, the lovely and very talented Clare Assante will be doing party hair on the day of the ball from noon. Please text Clare on 07814575281 to book!

Your Ball Committee (Gill Munday, Stacey Salter, Kate Salter, Natalie Shabytah, Polly Whitfield and Elaine Bailey - Westhillball@gmail.com)

### **100 CLUB RENEWAL TIME!**

Renewal forms for the PTFA's 100 Club have been sent out this week via book bags. If you haven't got yours, don't worry as you can complete the attached form or just find Claire Ritchie and give her £12 and she'll do the rest!

We are also really keen to get new members into the club especially from KS1. The concept of the club is really simple - for just £1 a month (paid annually in advance) your name is entered into the draw.

50% of the income generated will be used to raise funds for use in the school to enhance the education of pupils. The remaining 50% will be offered as cash prizes with 2 prizes each calendar month. Winners are announced through the school newsletter. The Club aims to have 100 members (hence the name) and is open to anyone with a link to the school. Friends, family, staff and community members can all take part and you can have more than one entry!

To enter all you need to do is complete the form, add payment and post in the PTFA box in the school office or see Claire Ritchie in the playground. The 100 Club is a great way to support the school with very little effort and who knows, you could be a lucky winner!

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **SAVE THE DATE**

West Hill Pre School Christmas Fair is on Sunday 8th December 2-4.30pm in West Hill Village Hall. Details to follow soon.

### **THANK YOU FROM OTTERY ST MARY FOODBANK**

Please see the attached letter of thanks from Ottery St Mary Foodbank for all the food gifts donated through our Harvest Festival.

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX APPEAL**



For approximately 24 years, members of St Michael's Church have collected gifts for children from the age of 2 years to 16 years and filled shoe boxes to send to children in foreign countries at Christmas time. These gifts are delivered to families in areas where there is poverty, through natural disaster or as a result of war. None of us can be blind to the needs of others in parts of the world where there have been disasters, so why not fill a shoebox with fun (non-war) toys, paper and crayons, toiletries and sweets appropriate for a certain age group and sex. Boxes and leaflets are available from the office now so please feel free to come and collect as many as you wish. Please return your filled shoebox to the school office by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### **OPERATION BRAMBLE - CHRISTMAS BOXES**

We are also supporting Christmas boxes for the families of children in hospital on the RD&E Bramble Ward and Neonatal unit at Christmas.

Wrapped and filled boxes can be delivered to the School Office. Items within the boxes can include, as long as unopened:

- toiletry items e.g. shower gel, shampoo
- gifts, toys, puzzles as long as nothing sharp or dangerous
- food items as long as in original packaging in case of allergies and a use by date beyond Christmas.

Please return your filled shoebox to the school office by **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**.

#### **MESSY CHURCH -**

Fun activities, informal worship and share food. Fridays - 3.45pm-6.00pm.

November 22<sup>nd</sup> - Love

December 20<sup>th</sup> - Joy

St Michael's Church, West Hill. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.



Have a lovely weekend.

With my best wishes

*C Boulton*

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Headteacher